

God Can Use My Family

Joshua 24:15 (NLT)

15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Mark 3:24-25 (NLT)

24 “A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse.

25 Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.

First and foremost, family is important to God, to the world, and to us. Family is obviously important to God. It is so important to God that He created one even before He created the church. What is a family?

Family: the institution God uses to develop, shape, and support you while helping you adjust to changing circumstances of life.

Every family may not reflect this definition, right now. However, all of us can have healthy families that God can use for His glory. With this in mind, let's examine: God Can Use My Family.

Genesis 1:27-28 (NASB)

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

God created everything with the instruction to reproduce after its own kind. He gave Adam and Eve specific instructions to be fruitful, multiply and fill the Earth. He could have just created a bunch of people. However, He wanted them to be birthed and developed to maturity in the context of a family. **God's way is always seed-time-harvest** (even in the family).

1. God uses families to populate the Earth.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NLT)

3 But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

God is a God of order. Order is not a bad word. It is simply the correct arrangement of things. God always honors those who chose to honor the scriptural chain of authority. Remember: **HEAD DOES NOT MEAN BOSS. IT MEANS PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION OF.**

2. God uses families to model Kingdom order.

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB)

6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he grows older he will not abandon it.

It was never God's intention for us to learn our values from government, school, media or social media. He commanded us to train, teach and instruct our children in the way they should go (**Kingdom principles/God's ways**) so that the world's ways wouldn't be the influencer.

3. God uses families to express Kingdom principles.

Acts 4:32 (NLT)

32 All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

God places us in families for our spiritual, physical, emotional, educational and social development. In the context of family, we can learn these things together. The Bible instructs us to **Dwell together according to knowledge. TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN FAMILY, WE MUST LEARN HOW TO HAVE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.**

4. God uses families to teach us how to foster relationships.

1 Corinthians 12:14-17 (NLT)

14 Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

15 If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body.

16 And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

Often, we get so focused on the role others play, we forget to play our own. One of the privileges and responsibilities of the family is to reinforce the importance and value of everyone in it. **SO, IT’S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US TO BE WHO GOD WANTS US TO BE. IT IS THE ORDER OF GOD TO NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED ANY PART.**

5. God uses families to display the value of everyone.

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